

This is the second issue that I have had to bring to your attention this election season, the first one involving Sinclair Broadcasting. This particular issue regards Pappas Telecasting. I am a busy person and don't appreciate my public servants, you who are given a clear instruction set to execute in protecting the public trust, creating work for me.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves, while you sit idly by and do nothing.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.

Please stop serving the narrow interests of the media owners and do your job... or move over and let someone else do it for you.

Thank you.